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PRECEDENCE

TO: SBRLN

INFO: DIR, SFRAN

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RE: PULL 7720 (IN 33978)

1. HAVE RECEIVED ZIPPER SUB AGENCY MEMO WHICH TAKES POSITION ON PAPROTTA.

2. POSITION IS THAT ON REPEATED QUESTIONING FRAU HOEHER CHANGED HER ORIGINAL CLAIM THAT HOEHER STATED "MIT BESTIMMTHEIT" PAPROTTA SOVIET AGENT. INSTEAD, SUB AGENCY CONVINCED FRAU HOEHER DREW THIS CONCLUSION HERSELF BASED ON HOEHER'S WHISPERED STATEMENTS TO WIFE THAT SOVIETS QUESTIONED HIM ON MATERIAL CONTAINED IN HIS OWN REPORTS TO ZIPPER WHICH PAPROTTA TYPED. HOEHER DID MENTION PAPROTTA'S NAME.

3. SUB AGENCY THEORIZES THAT SOVIETS NATURALLY HAD MATERIAL AVAILABLE SINCE HOEHER GOT SOME DOCUMENTARY REPORTS FROM KIRVES, AND UNDOUBTEDLY FORWARDED ORIGINALS AND OTHER COPIES THROUGH REGULAR OR GOVT CHANNELS, AND COULD HAVE LATER INFORMED SOVIETS WHAT MATERIAL HOEHER GOT.

4. SINCE IT IS FROM CONTEST THAT SUB AGENCY REPORT IS MERELY ATTEMPT TO CLEAR PAPROTTA, ABOVE DOES NOT CHANGE SITUATION. SUB

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AGENCY THEORY IS POSSIBLE BUT NOT VERY PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION. HOEHER, WHO APPEARED IN POSSESSION MENTAL FACULTIES HAD UNDOUBTEDLY RACKED HIS BRAIN FOR EXPLANATION OF SUBJECT MATTER OF INTERROGATIONS. HE MUST HAVE KNOWN WHICH <sup>INFO</sup> ~~PORTION GABRIEL BY OTHER SERVICES~~ HE HAD RECEIVED VERBALLY AND WHICH WRITTEN FROM KIRVES, AND UNDOUBTEDLY HAD SOME CONVINCING BASIS FOR MENTIONING PAPROTTA. SOVIET PROVOCATION THROUGH HOEHER ON THIS POINT APPEAR UNLIKELY. SIMPLEST SOLUTION WOULD SEEM TO BE THAT HOEHER <sup>cd/lms</sup> RECOGNIZED HIS ACTUAL REPORTS BY TYPE AND FORMAT AND CONCLUDED FOR REASONS UNKNOWN THAT ONLY PAPROTTA COULD HAVE DELIVERED THEM TO SOVIETS. IN ANY EVENT ACTION TO REMOVE PAPROTTA FULLY JUSTIFIED, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW CAISSON 30 INDEPENDENT DEROGATORY INFO ON PAPROTTA.

5. REPORT DOES INDICATE RATHER DEFINITELY THAT PAPROTTA WITTING ZIPPER SOURCE. STATES, HOWEVER, THAT SHE WAS USED ONLY TO DO SECRETARIAL WORK, SUCH AS TYPING HOEHER REPORTS, AFTER HOURS TWO NIGHTS A WEEK IN HER HOME, GENERALLY IN PRESENCE HEINKE. <sup>cd/lms</sup>

6. BOB PLEASE DO NOT BRIEF ☐ ON ANY OF ABOVE WITHOUT PRIOR CLEARANCE POB.

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